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The brief includes a statement that claims 6-9 have separate features which them separately patentable from claims 10-13 and thus they do not stand or fall together. However the Appeal Brief fails to present reasons in support thereof as required under 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7). MPEP § 1206, states that appellant must explain why the claims of the group are believed to be separately patentable. Specifically, "Merely pointing out the differences in what the claims cover is not an argument as to why the claims are separately patentable."

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